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The sides 28 of the second clip part 14 are wider over a major portion of their lengths up to their free ends and the wider portions are slotted from below to form channels 42 on one face 43 of each base strip 24 extend a series of teeth 44 shaped to interfit between the teeth 22 of the sides of the one part 12. Thus, the second part 14 can be slid down onto the first part 12 with the teeth 22 of the one part 12 engaged with the teeth 44 of the other part 14 at a desired position to give a desired spacing of the second part 14 from the base 16 of the first part 12. The respective base strips 24 limit the extent of interengagement of the teeth 22, 44.

You are requested to insert the following paragraph, which is new, as the next-to-last paragraph on page 5 of the applicant's specification:

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The down pipe 11 has a longitudinal axis, which, as illustrated, is vertical. The teeth 22 and the teeth 44 co-operate to enable the attachment of the first part 12 to the second part 14 to be selectively adjustable and, once the second part 14 has been slidably attached to the first part 12, to limit the movement of the second part 14 relative to the first part 12, in a given direction, *i.e.*, in a downward direction.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

You are requested further to amend claim 13, upon which claims 16, 17, 18, and 19 continue to depend, so as to read as follows:

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13. (Twice Amended) A connecting device suitable for attaching a pipe, which has a longitudinal axis, to a surface, the connecting device comprising a first part fixable to the surface and a second part slidably attachable to the first part so as to be slidable along the pipe, the first and second parts having co-operating formations enabling the attachment of the first part to the second part to be selectively adjustable, whereby spacing of the pipe from the surface is adjustable, the first and second parts having co-operative formations limiting the movement of the second part relative to the